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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Satoshi SHINADA, et al.

Divisional of 09/437,246

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For: INK JET PRINTING APPARATUS AND INK CARTRIDGE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/437,246 filed November 10, 1999; the
disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-44 and 46-49 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claim:

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